



PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Scott Cunningham

Examiner: Pous, Natalie, R.

Serial No.: 10/618,990

Group: Art Unit 3731

Filed: July 14, 2003

Dated: August 15, 2006

For: SURGICAL COBRA HEAD SUTURE NEEDLE

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [X] No additional fee is required.

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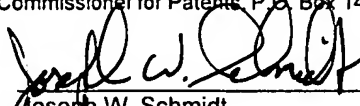
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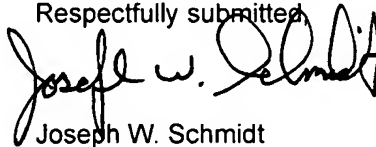

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 3731**

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In response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2006, please consider this application as follows:

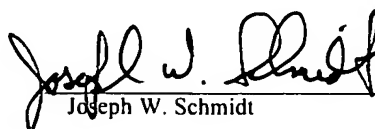
A complete listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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